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Sailors return from Tanzania joint exercise

JOC Jon **McMillan**

with Navy European Wire Service

Twenty-nine Sailors from Rota's Naval Hospital and Branch Dental Clinic, along with 46 other U.S. medical personnel from Europe completed the two-week long MEDFLAG 99-2 exercise in Tanzania last week.

The joint military exercise is held twice annually by the U.S. European command and for the first time, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, conducted the exercise. Naval Hospital Rota was the lead agent responsible for carrying out the exercise and ensuring its success.

"There were so many things that could have gone wrong," said Lt. Sarah Neill, contingency officer for the Naval Hospital, "but did not." The exercise tested the Hospital's ability to organize, deploy, train and perform their duties in the field.

"Deploying 75 people into a third world country with limited resources and medical equipment reinforces what we've been taught," said Neill. "Everyone had an opportunity to see some diseases they've only read about before," she said. More than 6,500 patients were treated at six field medical sites set up in various villages. At Three MEDCAPS have been completed so far, with approximately 1,600 patients treated. "We're being overwhelmed with seeing lots and lots of patients and [we're] having a phenomenal learning experience," said Cmdr. Paul Ephron, family practice physician from Naval Hospital Rota. "We're giving them [eye] glasses, removing diseased teeth, giving them immunizations and trying to take care of some of the medical problems they have," Ephron said.

The team distributed 767 eyeglasses, immunized 1,520 people and pulled teeth from 1,060 people.

"There were rumors that people were

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ARG washdown underway at Port

Three ships and about 4,300 Sailors and Marines from the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) are making a port visit in Rota to wash down equipment for agricultural inspection as they prepare to return home. USS Gunston Hall, USS Ponce, and USS Kearsarge are in for the wash down and some well-deserved liberty through this weekend.

The ARG will return home after approximately six months in the Mediterranean and Adriatic. While in Rota, crews will replenish supplies and clean the read group's vehicles at wash-down stations at Rota's pier one. All services and replenishments are coordinated through Port Services here, said Lt. Glen Bourque, Naval Station harbormaster. "We're the 'go-to' people who make sure the ships' needs are met," said Bourque. He added Port Operations is the liaison for ships to the various services in Rota.



U.S. Marines from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit washdown vehicles Tuesday for agricultural inspection before they leave the Med over the weekend.

Hospital prepares to fight Influenza

Naval Station hospital is prepared to vaccinate base population

JOC Jon **McMillan**

Flu season is around the corner and Naval Station Rota is ready to fight back by administering an influenza vaccine – the flu shot. This year's vaccine – consisting of dead influenza virus from three strains experts believe will hit hardest this year – is available now at the Naval Hospital.

All military members are required to get the shot. A new hospital database will be used this year to track who gets their shot

and will be able to provide data to base commanders and officers-in-charge on personnel who have not yet received their shot.

Last year, Naval Station Rota achieved about 75 percent vaccination of the active duty force here. "We're looking to raise that to ninety percent this year," said Cmdr. Mike Henderson, director for community health at Naval Hospital Rota.

"Not everyone responds the same to the vaccine," Henderson said. "It's only seventy to ninety percent effective so it's kind of a

numbers game." By that he means health care professionals here need to vaccinate as many people as possible to help ensure Rota isn't hit by an influenza outbreak.

"If you get seventy-five percent [vaccinated and immune to the virus], you get what we call herd immunity and you lessen the chances for an outbreak," Henderson said.

Gaining 'herd immunity' is important because outbreaks of flu usually begin

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Changes coming to Navy, Marine education program

The Navy unveiled its new Navy College Program at conference this month and announced the new program will replace the Navy Campus system tomorrow. The new program refocuses the Navy's role in helping Sailors and Marines obtain a college degree while on active duty.

The goal of the new program is to make it as easy as possible for Sailors and Marines to get their degree while on active duty. After Friday, every member who graduates from bootcamp or an "A" or

"C" school will automatically receive a transcript describing how many college credits they earned for that training.

Members will also have a personalized Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript, or SMART, which is an electronic transcript that consolidates and maintains the member's military occupational experience and training. "It's going to be a lot easier for the Sailors," said Paul Wuori, director of Rota's Navy College Office. He said SMART will essentially consolidate data from a member's service record and will help keep track of the member's progress.

Another tool the Navy College Program will offer a personalized de-

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Weekend weather forecast

Today	Saturday
77/57	73/65
Friday	Sunday
76/60	77/62

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CAPTAIN'S corner

WITH CAPT. G.K. STAIR, JR., COMNAVACT, SPAIN

BZ to Port, Supply, Weapons, MWR and a host of others involved with supporting our surface fleet. In case you missed last week's Coastline front page, this week we topped 1000 ship days for the fiscal year, an all time high since the Gulf War. Because the Navy's operational focus in the Med for recent years has been the Adriatic, it's easy to overlook that Rota has been and remains the Med's busiest port, measured in total days of U.S. afloat presence. Obviously this is not a surprise to our cadre of folks at Port Ops, Supply, Weapons, Fuels, Fleet Recreation and the



Liberty Program, who have earned a well-deserved reputation for fleet support. I expect this trend to continue, and it is the reason we are currently dredging the harbor, constructing a fleet recreation center, and funding numerous upgrades at the piers.

There's no doubt there's a wealth of talent throughout the base; we see it demonstrated everyday in support of the mission. But Saturday night many of us were also treated to a different side of that talent, at "Showtime at Reflections," hosted by NCTAMS. Well done to all who participated;

there was outstanding singing and showmanship all around, not to mention commendable poise to perform in front of hundreds of shipmates.

Since today is 30 September, let me extend a "Happy Fiscal New Year's Eve" to our Comptroller and Contracting personnel. There's nothing more challenging than trying to get to "zero" on obligations, especially when end of year dollars drop out of the sky. But it's your planning and preparedness that allow us to take advantage of these opportunities and fund a galley rehab, another barracks renovation, more equipment for the gym, and additional maintenance repairs, among other items. So go home and celebrate, but go easy on the champagne; Friday is, after all, a normal workday.

Flu, from cover

abruptly. "We don't want an outbreak to spread through a command because it could compromise the mission," Henderson said. This is why military leaders have made administering the flu shot mandatory for military members. "We care about the individual," said Henderson. "But it's the entire population we're trying to protect."

According to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the flu virus is spread from person to person by coughing and sneezing and can enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth. Symptoms usually appear with two to four days, and according to NIAID, the number of cases peak in about 3 weeks and start to recede after another 3 to 4 weeks.

The problem with the flu is it can be a very harsh virus. Headaches, chills and dry cough, followed by body aches and fevers are symptoms of the flu. The disease is classified as an 'acute respiratory infection caused by a variety of influenza viruses.

Most people who get the disease recover within a week even though they may not feel completely well for a while, said NIAID. For elderly people, newborns and people with

chronic illnesses, the flu and health complications brought on by the flu can be life threatening. "Twenty-thousand deaths annually are attributed to the flu," said Henderson.

There are two things a person can do to minimize their chances of getting the flu this season, said Henderson. "As far as prevention goes, get the vaccine and wash your hands. I can't emphasize the importance of just washing your hands," he said.

The hospital is administering flu shots now at the Immunization Clinic and Occupational Health and Medicine department. See insert for details on which vaccination site you should see.

"We'll vaccinate anyone who wants the vaccine," said Henderson. He said the vaccine is safe for anyone over six months old and is highly recommended for people over 65 years of age and with a chronic illness.

Where to go for flu shots

Military members only

Thursdays from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Immunization Clinic at Family Practice

This time is set aside for active duty military members only. Minimal delays, additional staff on hand to assist. Recommended for all active duty members.

Spanish and American civilian employees Daily from 2 - 4 p.m. at Occupational Health and Medicine. Free of charge. Open to all civilian employees. Recommended to get shot here so it's recorded in the employee's health record.

Everyone

Mondays - Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immunization Clinic at Family Practice. Stop by, sign up and wait to be called. Recommended for everyone not in the above categories and recommended for military members who can not attend the Thursday shot session.

Myth vs. Fact

Myth: Flu shots give me the flu.

Fact: The flu vaccine contains dead influenza virus that can not make you sick. Because influenza vaccine contains only noninfectious viruses, it cannot cause influenza. Respiratory disease after vaccination represents coincidental illness unrelated to influenza vaccination. The most frequent side effect of vaccination is soreness at the vaccination site that lasts up to two days.

MEDFLAG, from cover

lining up at four in the morning to see us," said Neill. "I'm not exaggerating there were three to four-thousand people lined up waiting to come in," she added. Even though such large numbers of people lined up to see the Americans, Ephron said the Tanzanians seemed to be overall healthy. "We assisted a pregnant woman who later gave birth to a healthy baby girl but on the other hand, we saw a six-year-old boy who was hospitalized with cerebral malaria," he said.

The Tanzanians though were not the only ones who benefited from the exercise. "We [saw] a lot of diseases we don't normally see and we learned how to recognize them," said Ephron. "We've seen lots of routine cases of malaria, which we rarely see, and a lot of parasitic diseases. We've also seen a lot of genetic conditions." Tanzania also has a high rate of HIV and AIDS infections. It was estimated that one out of four patients seen there were HIV positive.

"I think it was an eye-opener," said Neill.

In addition to seeing Tanzanian patients, the MEDFLAG team provided training to the Tanzanian People's Defense Force.

"We initially did a needs assessment with the Tanzanian People's Defense Force and the curriculum was designed with a variety of lectures and practical sessions," said Cmdr. Susan Herron, head of staff education and training at Naval Hospital Rota. "The training was [designed] to encourage interaction and collaboration between the U.S. and Tanzanian military medical personnel in order to broaden their experiences in non-hospital trauma and disaster preparedness," she said.

Classroom lectures were put to practical use Sept. 23, when the final phase of the exercise, a mass casualty drill, took place. The drill simulated an airplane crash at Kilimanjaro Airport. Make-up was applied to fake victims to make them look injured and to help add realism to the drill.

"We were able to develop a relationship with the people and see how and where they live," said Ephron. "They're very gracious, always smiling and [they made] us feel welcome."

College, from cover

gree "road map." This will show how many credits a person could earn for Navy training courses, job experience, off-duty education and credit by examination tests that help lead a Sailor to a degree.

Navy College Offices will continue to offer services Navy Campus offices did: tuition assistance, academic advise, the shipboard PACE program and the DANTES program. "I think the big difference will be the commitment and emphasis put on education," said Wuori.

The change will not affect anyone's tests, tuition or current education agreements.

News BRIEFS

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer is the leading cancer diagnosed in women in America. This year more than 175,000 women will learn for the first time that they have this disease and more than 43,000 women will lose their lives. However when breast cancer is detected early and treated promptly, suffering and ultimately the loss of life can be significantly reduced. National Mammography Day is

October 15. Mammography, an “x-ray” of the breast, is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. Mammography screening should begin at the age of 40 and continue routinely-once is not enough. Women must make mammography screening a part of their regular health care routine. The Naval Hospital will be holding Health Fairs around the base during the month of October to distribute women’s health materials, as well as a 5-K Fun Run/Walk on

Thursday October 14. To begin this month’s campaign there will be a Cancer Awareness Presentation in the Hospital Galley on October 5 from 7: -8:00 p m. Capt. H. M. Aguila from the Surgical Services Department and Cmdr. M. L. Miller from Dermatology will be presenting. Breast Cancer as well as other forms of cancer will be discussed. This presentation is open to everyone.

Navy Ball tickets

The 1999 U.S. Navy Birthday Ball is just around the corner, honoring the 224th birthday of the sea-going service. The Ball will be held October 15 (birthday is October 13), at 6:30 p.m. at the Bodega El Cortijo in Puerto de Santa Maria. Catering will be provided by the Los Portales Restaurant. Ticket prices are as follows: E-6 and below is 4,000 pts; E-7 to O-3 is 4,500 pts.; and O-4 and above is 5,000 pts. The tickets must be purchased in pesetas. Tickets can

- be purchased from the following Navy Ball representatives:
- HOSPITAL** - LT Beamer, 3655.
 - DENTAL** - DTCS Ontiveros 3797.
 - NMCB 3** - YN3 Hines, 2737.
 - AIR OPS** - AC1 Shoaf, 2207
 - NEMOC** - Lt.j.g. Vorrath, 2410.
 - AG1 Hatch, 2410.
 - PSD** - DK1 Duran, 3020.
 - SECURITY** - MA1 Whipple, 2153.
 - VQ2** - LT Nelson 1136.
 - NSGA** - CTIC Peery, 2467.
 - AIMD** - AMH1 Williams, 1588/
 - NAVSTA** - AKC Limon, 3740.

The attire for the Navy Ball is as follows: E-6 and below, full dress blues; E-7 to O-3, dinner dress blues; O-4 and above; dinner dress blues/mess dress blues; and guests, appropriate civilian equivalent. The guest speaker will be Capt.(Ret) Jack Fellows, a former Vietnam POW. A photographer will be available.

Your Hospital pharmacy and Y2K

How does the Y2K problem effect the Pharmacy in your community?
At U.S. Naval Hospital Rota, the pharmacy uses numerous computer systems to provide patients the highest quality care. These systems store prescription information, process refills, and screen for dangerous drug-drug and drug-food interactions, screen for dangerous doses of drugs and evaluate patient profiles for therapeutic duplications. Computers are also used to track inventory and process supply orders. Finally, computers are used to coordinate the dispensing of prescriptions to patients in the Ambulatory/ Outpatient Dispensing Area.

What is the Pharmacy at U.S. Naval Hospital Rota doing to prepare for the Y2K event?
Taking a proactive stance, the Pharmacy Department has contacted the manufacturers and support personnel for each of the computer systems in use locally to identify potential software problems early. Over the past few months the pharmacy has been testing their systems to insure the continuity of the prescription information and delivery of pharmaceutical care to the patient. The pharmacy has also been working with the company (Prime Vendor) that provides the Pharmacy with medication and other supplies. All systems have been certified to be Y2K compliant.

What steps should I take to protect myself from possible problems?
You should insure that you have the most recent, labeled prescription vial available in the unlikely event that some information is not retrievable from computer systems after January first. You should also know where your medical record is located. Your medical record contains prescription information that may be used to verify medication dose and administration information.

If the pharmacy computer is damaged, will I still be able to get my prescriptions filled and refilled?
Yes. If the unthinkable happens and computer access is not possible, the pharmacy is prepared to conduct business as we did before computers were available. Your prescription label contains all of the information needed to continue to refill your prescription. The pharmacy is prepared and will continue to provide you pharmaceutical support until operations return to normal.

SAC meetings underway at DGF schools

Lt. Tina Athans

The DGF School Advisory Councils (SAC) have started their school year meetings. The High School SAC has met twice so far. The High School SAC parent members are CTICM Doug Loudon, Ms. Cathy Koch, and AKC Allan Limon, with the teacher representatives of Ms. Elaine Hermann and Ms. Pam Cleaverly-LaGioia, the student representative is Ben Sergeant. The High School's new Principal, Mr. E. B. Stafford reported the enrollment number for the high school is at 322. The Committee discussed goals for the school year and the prospect of a PTO. The SAC members and principal are ready to assist any and all volunteers interested in establishing a high school PTO, but it takes volunteers. If you are interested, contact one of the SAC members or the High School Administrative office at 4181 or 4183.

The Elementary SAC meeting was held in conjunction with a Principal's Open Forum during the first week of school. Mr. Gary Edsell, DGF Elementary Principal and Mr. E. B. Stafford, DGF High Principal were co-hosts of the meeting. Mr. Edsell began by introducing the new members of the Elementary School Advisory Council. The parent representatives are Terry Fulton (Chairman Volunteer), Kate Eberle, Wayne Kulick, and Ann Chenevy. The Teacher representatives are Joan Manning, Beth Peris, Joyce Swett, Margaret Wier, and Katherine Scroggins.

Mr. Edsell announced the classroom pupil teacher ratio for the 99/00 school year: Kindergarten 22/23; First Grade 23; Second Grade 21; Third Grade 23, Fourth Grade 25, Fifth Grade 23; and Sixth Grade 20/21. School enrollment at the Elementary School is at 655. Financial documents were provided describing the budget for both schools and for the 99 accounting for the Elementary School.

An Elementary School Staffing document was also provided. Mr. Edsell explained the staffing reinstatements that were made offset the proposed cuts the school faced last year. A Guidance counselor billet was reinstated to support the students of families that support our mission in Kosovo. Because of the change to full day Kindergarten, the school was authorized ½ day equivalents for PE, Art and Music. Mr. Edsell utilized the half Art and half PE to retain both P.E. teachers.

Questions were fielded about the Sure Start and Spanish Emersion Programs' application and selection processes. The Elementary School

implemented a 6 day rotation for "electives" or special subjects: Physical Education and Host Nation (twice) plus Music and Art. For the first few weeks and beyond. Mr. Stafford, the High School principal is visiting every class, every period of every day. He says "We're gonna open up a smart factory. There is some real learning going on here." He added a welcome to parents to visit classrooms with him.

Get involved....

The High School SAC meets the

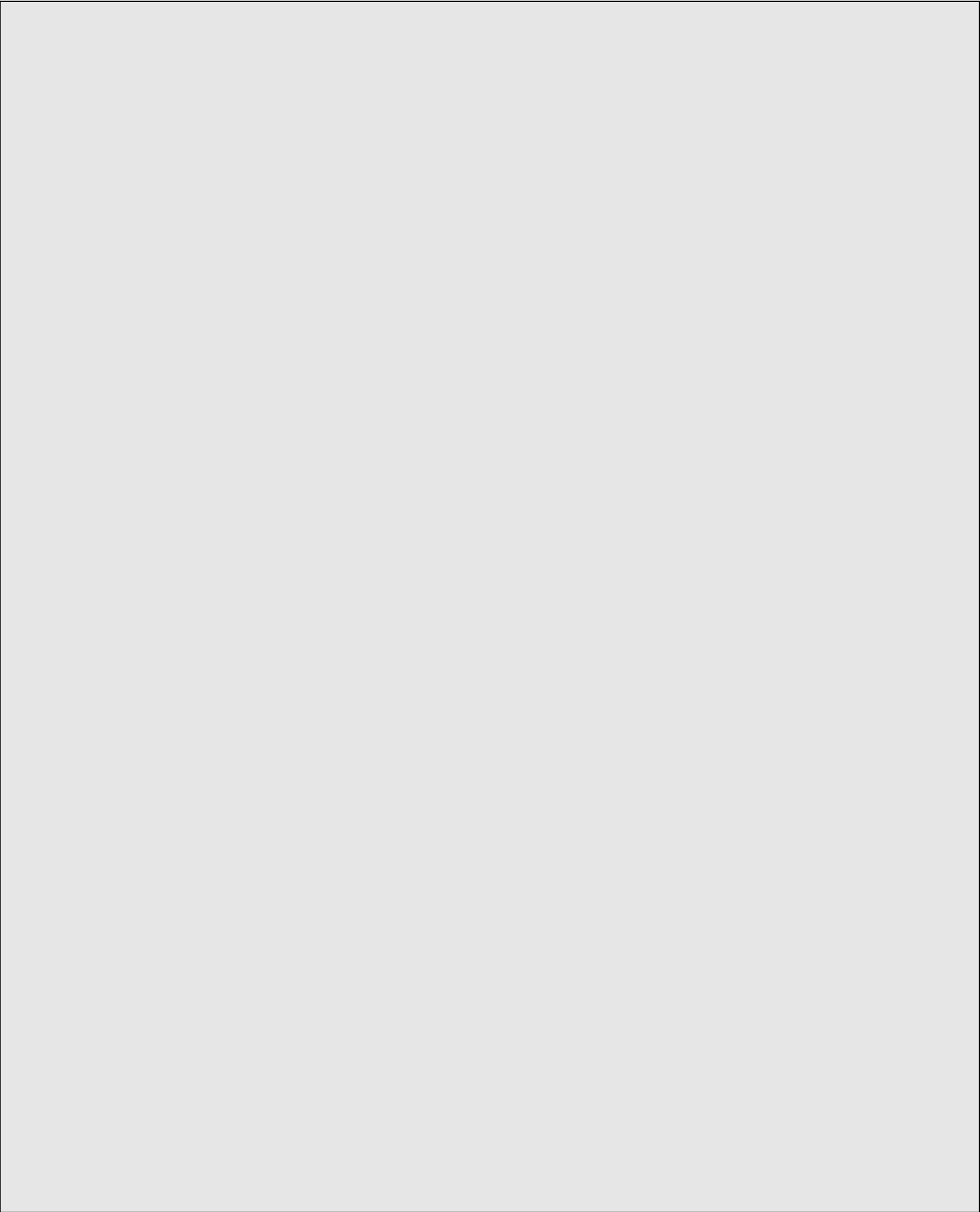
third Wednesday of every month at 1600 in the High School Library. The Elementary SAC meets the last Tuesday of every month at 1600 at the Elementary Library. All SAC meetings are open to the interested public. If you want to communicate via e-mail to a DGF educators or administrators, they are on line, utilizing their first name and last name in the following format:

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Where's my Coastline submission?

If you submitted an advertisement or news announcement via electronic mail to Rota Coastline between Sept. 23 and 30, and don't see it in this week's paper, it may have been lost during the recent conversion of electronic mail programs. Please resubmit the message and we will get it in next week's Coastline. We apologize for any inconvenience.

ROTA COASTLINE



Navy’s first MCPON visits Naval Station

While in Rota to commemorate the Y2K Chief’s pinning ceremony, the Navy’s first Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy tells his story of life-long Naval career.

JOSN Justin Takasawa

Crossing the Red River into Texas in 1941, Delbert D. Black turned around and said, “goodbye United States.” He had considered Oklahoma the only part of the United States in his life. Until that moment, Black had never left his home state of Oklahoma. Wanting financial security, he made his way across the U.S. to basic training in San Diego where his Navy career began.

Little did he know that he would be the first Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. He did know, however, that he wanted to turn the Navy into a career.

“If I go six years I’ll go twenty,” he said to himself.

Master Chief Black set foot upon the soil of many foreign countries. He casually recalls World War II and serving aboard his favorite ship, USS Maryland, where he started out as a deck seaman.

“I was on the ship when the bombing of Pearl Harbor took place.”

He spent the entire duration of World War II aboard the battle-

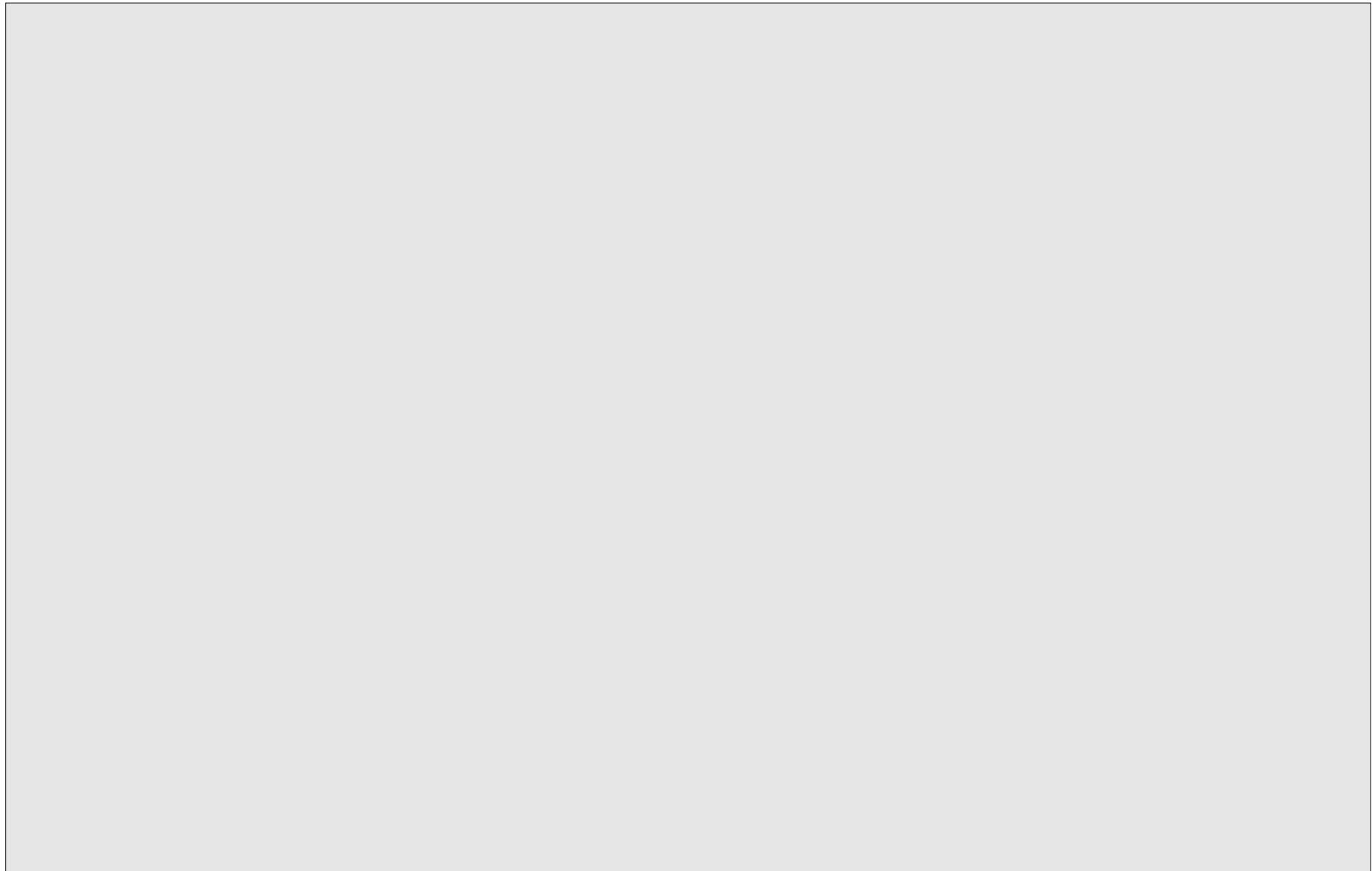
ship. This is where Master Chief Black achieved much of his rank. He volunteered for the Battle Lookout Division and spent all of his off time working on the guns of the ship and soon became a petty officer 3rd class. Throughout the rest of his tour aboard USS Maryland, he achieved the rank of petty officer 1st class.

“I’ll always have a soft spot in my heart for the old battleship,” Master Chief Black added.

Twenty-six years and many duty stations after Master Chief Black enlisted, the Navy suddenly had a severe manpower shortage. The re-enlistment rate was a mere ten percent during the Vietnam era. The Secretary of the Navy, Paul H. Nitze, ordered a task force to head to the fleet to ask enlisted personnel what it would take for them to re-enlist. Master Chief Black said after the task force had completed its study, there were 65 common answers among the men. Most complaints from the enlisted community were morale issues dealing with miscommunication between them and the



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (Ret.) Delbert D. Black participates in Rota’s 1999 chief pinning ceremony.



higher ranking members of the Navy. One of the solutions to their problems was the recommendation of a Senior Enlisted Advisor to act as a spokesperson for the enlisted community. In this circumstance, it was the voices of the enlisted members that created the voice of their spokesperson.

Black was the chief master-at-arms in Dam Neck, Va. at the time of the Navy’s trouble. His command had selected him for their submission to the Secretary of the Navy. For his years of Naval service and commitment, Master Chief Black was selected to be the first Senior Enlisted Advisor. Later his title changed to Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

“No one knew what the duty would be,” said Black.

He soon found out. Slowly, over time, Black’s office grew in numbers and he became a decision maker for the Navy. He set the precedent for every MCPON to come after himself. His office made recommendations based on requests stemming from the enlisted community.

Black opened a line of communication between Washington and every command in the Navy through a command master chief position.

“One of my primary objectives was to get senior enlisted personnel on boards and panels that made decisions that affected enlisted people.”

Many programs that target the enlisted community were conceived by Black himself. Most of the programs still continue to thrive even after many years in existence.

The Secretary of the Navy had created a voice. It was

the voice of the enlisted person and it first resounded within the gritty master chief Black.

Black retired after 30 years of service, but his commitment to the Navy never ceased.

“I never entirely divorced myself from the Navy,” said

Black. Soon after his retirement, he became a real estate agent in Florida. He said he continued to help out enlisted servicemembers by renting them houses at low cost. He routinely assisted the USO and other organizations well after his active-duty career ended and, in 1975 he started the retired affairs office in Orlando, FL. Its mission was to get information to retirees.

It has been almost 30 years since Black’s retirement, but he can’t pull himself away from the Navy.

“I still feel that I’m part of the Navy and I look on it as my Navy family,” Black commented.

He wears his Pearl Harbor Survivors Association ball-cap with his civilian clothes; a small reflection of his Navy pride. He still removes it when inside and places it on his head before he leaves, showing respect for his Navy customs. In Black’s eyes, he is still a part of the Navy and is willing to do what he can to help out the enlisted community.

“Whenever possible if I can go somewhere and make somebody a little bit happier in our Navy, I’m ready to go.”

Master Chief Delbert D. Black set out nearly 60 years ago on an adventure. His Navy contracts bound him to the military for 30 years but his personal commitment to the service has lasted a lifetime.



Black

CAREER NOTES

1. Joined the Navy in 1941.
2. Assigned to USS Maryland in 1941.
3. Advanced to petty officer 1st class at end of first tour
4. Selected as MCPON in 1967.
5. Within four months, Master Chief Black had expanded his office, creating more contacts for the enlisted community.
6. Created the Family Service Center, sponsor program and a line of communication through the fleet with a command master chief at every command.
7. Admiral Zumwalt takes command in 1970.
8. Black handed over his position to Master Chief John “Jack” Whittet in 1971.

OPINION

Giraffe program underway at DGF

Have you ever driven by DGF elementary school and wondered just why there are Giraffes painted all over the place? Is it the school mascot? Were they studying the jungle? Actually the Giraffes were part of a student initiative to remind them of the importance of being a Giraffe. How might one be a Giraffe you ask? Well, it's a simple process that is a lot of fun along the way.

The Giraffe project was started in 1982 to provide the media with some good news about real heroes. These messages, about people who were sticking their necks out and doing good work, were designed to inspire others to do the same. The results were so positive that the Project started the Giraffe Program which goes into schools with volunteers to teach kids character education and service learning.

This will be the third year that the Giraffe Program has been at DGF elementary school. The past two years have been a great success: with kids, volunteers and teachers in praise of the program. As the school year starts again, we are now looking for volunteers to work with in the different Giraffe classes. All volunteers will go through a training session and have access to an Official Giraffe Manual to use in their class. The volunteer usually meets for 30 minutes to an hour weekly with the class, but other arrangements are certainly possible. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community and to have fun with kids as well.

If you are interested in helping teach our local youth about the importance of being courageous, caring and responsible, then I would highly recommend participating

with the Giraffe Program. Giraffe offers so many benefits with just a small commitment each week, but, as with so many other programs, we rely on volunteer sin order to get the job done. Our first training will be Wednesday Oct. 6 at 1 p.m at JAMS. For more information, please contact Denise Hopkins at 956 84 0172 or Bill Zabicki at 1492. Hope to see you at the training!

Quotes from some of last years participants in a 4th-grade Giraffe class.

"I learned that a Giraffe is a person that is helpful to others. It is hard to be a Giraffe because it takes a lot of time and work, but it is worth it because it is fun."

"I Learned that being a Giraffe is a good thing, because a Giraffe is a person that stands up for themselves and others."

Publisher's Corner

Karen Lucas

This year's restaurant guide is included with today's paper. I hope you will enjoy it and save it for reference throughout the year. When you feel like going out to eat and aren't sure where you want to go, look through it for ideas. This year we have included information about the capacity for private parties at each establishment so when you need to organize a party you can check to see if the restaurant you have in mind can accommodate your needs or you can get ideas of where to go by looking through the guide. Most of the advertisers should be familiar to *Coastline* readers, but there are

new ones as well and some that haven't advertised in a while.

Although the **Casino Bahía de Cádiz** is in the guide, advertising both its restaurant La Terraza and private parties, its Snack Bar is not mentioned. The Snack Bar is a great place to go for light meals, snacks and sweets. They offer a great selection of sandwiches : bacon & egg, smoked salmon, shrimp, Casino Club, vegetable, sea cocktail, and turkey with apple, to name a few. There are also some baguettes, combined plates and sweets such as almond cake and chocolate mousse for those with a sweet tooth.

This week we have an ad for **Saltamontes** where you will

find everything for hiking and climbing. Now that the beach weather is coming to an end, you may want to get equipped for some outings in the surrounding mountains. With a three day weekend coming up next week, it might be the time to see what they have to offer. In there patio, you'll find the only climbing wall in the province. It's great for practice and great fun, too ! They are located in the center of Jerez. There is a little map in the ad to help you find them. They are not very far from Plaza Arenal.

Let's hear from you ! Send your inputs to me by fax to 956-542997 or by e-mail to COASTPUB@santandersupemet.com

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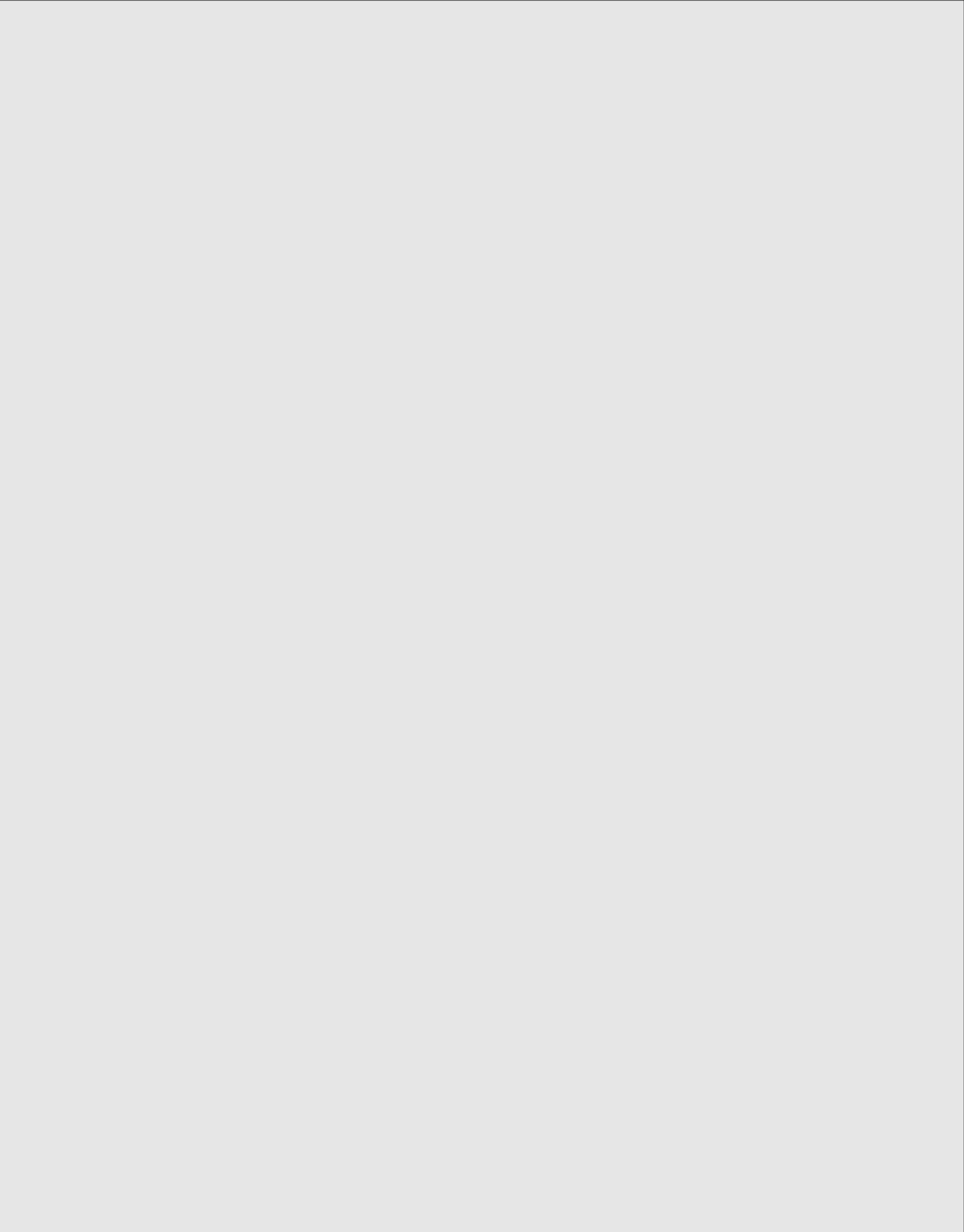
I greatly enjoyed JOC McMillan's article "Galicia" in the 23 September 1999 edition of Coastline. He did a fabulous job of capturing an enchanting and mystical place. He was, however, a little off the mark in the contention that the cathedral at Santiago de Compostella is "the third most important Catholic cathedral in the world (St. Peters in Rome is number 1, St. Paul's in London in number 2)."

First, St. Paul's cathedral is not, in fact, a Catholic cathedral. Rather, it is an Anglican cathedral. Nor have I ever heard the cathedral at Santiago described as the third "most important" cathedral in either Christendom or the Roman Catholic Church. It was, though, indisputably the third most important site of Christian

pilgrimage in the Middle Ages, behind Jerusalem and Rome. Finally, if I am not mistaken, St. Peter's Basilica and St. Paul's Cathedral rank as the first and second largest cathedrals, respectively, in Christendom. The third largest cathedral in Christendom — and the second largest Roman Catholic cathedral — is the cathedral in Sevilla (at least pending dedication of a new Roman Catholic cathedral in the Ivory Coast, which, I believe, will become the largest cathedral in the world).


In any event, both the cathedral and the city of Santiago de Compostella are well worth the trip, and I thank JOC McMillan for a great piece calling our attention to its wonders.

Edward S. White



Month at a glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September and October				30 Navy Ball Tickets on sale, call 3307.	1 FY-00 Begins Columbus Day Display, Library until Oct. 13 Captain's Call at 12:05 p.m. on Hot 102.5 FM CFC Fund Drive Begins	2 DGF Football Game Home (v. Brussels), 10:00 a.m. ITT Trip to Morocco (over- night), Call 1560
3 Fire Prevention Week Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00- 9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30-11:30, Call 2161	4 Child Health Day Volleyball (Capt. Cup) Play Begins	5 DGF Elem. PTO, 5:30 p.m., Parent Connec. Rm. Cancer Awareness Presentation, 7 - 9 p.m., Hospital Galley Lady of the Rosary Fest., Rota, Call 2813 NAVSTA Captain's Call, E-4 & Below, 1 p.m., NAVSTA Classroom	6 ITT Ubrique, Call 1560 Dart Tourney, Champions, 9 p.m. U.S. Naval Academy founded in 1945 NAVSTA Captain's Call, E-4 & Below, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m., NAVSTA Classroom	7 Lady of the Rosary Proces- sions, in Rota, Evening, 2813 NAVSTA Captain's Call, E-5, 9 a.m. & 1 p.m., NAVSTA Classroom NAVSTA Captain's Call, E-6, 3 p.m., NAVSTA Classroom	8 CHICANO Video, (Hispanic American Heritage Month), noon and 5:00 p.m., Galley NAVSTA Captain's Call, E-5, 8 a.m., NAVSTA Classroom NAVSTA Captain's Call, E-6, 10 a.m., NAVSTA Classroom	9 DGF Football Game (at London Central), 2:00 p.m. Dance-Talent Show, (Hispanic Heritage Month), Reflections, 8:00 p.m.
10 Rota Golf Course, Call 2260 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30- 11:30, Call 2161	11 Columbus Day Observed Columbus Day Brunch, Reflections, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	12 National Children's Day Racquetball Tourney, until Oct. 16, Call 2565 E-5 Leadership Continuum Course, to 22 Oct Checkbook Management, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232	13 U.S. Navy Birthday, founded in 1775 NAVSTA Captain's Call, Chiefs, 1:30 p.m., CPO Mess, Reflections ITT Trip Medina Sidonia, Call 1560	14 ITT Cadiz Historical, Call 1560 Active Parenting of Teens, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 Becoming Credit Wise, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232	15 Captain's Call at 12:05 p.m. on Hot 102.5 FM ITT Portugal Shopping Vila Real, Call 1560 Navy Ball, Bodega "El Cortijo", 6:00 p.m., Puerto, Call 3307	16 Flea Market, 9 a.m. - noon, Drive-in, Call 2527 Swap Meet, 1-4 p.m., Expeditions, Call 2527 DGF Homecoming Football Game, Home (vs. Alconbury), 2:00 p.m.
17 ITT Trip to Granada (Overnight), Call 1560 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30- 11:30, Call 2161	18 Spanish Classes, Registration begins, Call 3232 Youth Sports Basketball, Registration begins, call 2382	19 ITT Jerez Horse Show , Call 1560 Comm. & Assert., 5:15 - 8 p.m., Call 3232 Checkbook Management, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232	20 DGF H.S. SAC, 4:00 p.m., School Library Parents & Tots, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call 3232 Anger Management, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., Call 3232 ITT Gibraltar & El Colorado Shopping, Call 1560	21 JAB Meeting, 9:15 a.m., Chapel Stress Management, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., Call 3232 Active Parenting of Teens, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 Becoming Credit Wise, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232	22 ITT Evening Bodega Tour, Call 1560 Karaoke Contest, Reflections, 9 p.m. Gypsy Lunch, Free, Expeditions, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	23 ITT Sevilla Historical, Call 1560 ITT Trip to Morocco (overnight), Call 1560 DGF Football Game (at Menwith Hill), 2:00 p.m.
24 Mothers- in-law Day ITT Trip to Ronda, Call 1560 Sunday School, DGF, Protestant, 9:00-9:50 a.m.; CCD, 10:30- 11:30, Call 2161	25 Your Event Could be Here, Call 3786	26 ITT Trip to Chiclana Doll Factory, Call 1560 DGF Elem. SAC, 3:50 p.m., Parent Connec. Rm.	27 ITT Trip to Morocco Call 1560 Parents & Tots, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call 3232 Developing A Spending Plan, 1 - 3 p.m., Call 3232 TAP Seminar, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Call 3232	28 Active Parenting of Teens, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 Great Pumpkin Carving Contest, 7 p.m., Expeditions Smooth Move, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., call 3232 TAP Seminar, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Call 3232	29 Halloween, Magic Woods, 9 p.m. - midnight Cross Country Run, noon, call 2565 CREDO Marriage Enrichment Sem. 29-31 Oct, Chapel, call 2161 TAP Seminar, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Call 3232	30 DGF Football Game Divi- sion Champi- onship, TBA Halloween, CDC (5 and younger), 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., call 2527 Halloween, Trick or Treat Street, 7 - 9 p.m., Feria Grounds.



Jerez

DE LA FRONTERA

*JOC Jon **McMillan***

Back in the 11th century, the Moors built an Alcázar to protect the city from the raiding Christians. They were unsuccessful.

A better approach to protecting the city was developed in the 20th century. It's called the N IV highway that runs past some of the most uninviting, least charming, coldest and basically, repulsive architecture I've seen in Spain. This statement, of course, excludes the roadside Bodegas, whose meticulously groomed yards and spotless white buildings still seem strangely imperialistic and yet, very pleasing to my senses.

But, I digress. This road, with its traffic and impenetrable wall of ill-conceived architecture had held back any impulse I may have had to make a small foray into the city. So, it was successful.

The event that lured me into this city, regardless of its highway fortifications of ugliness, was the annual blessing of the grapes. You see, Jerez de la Frontera was not just a town on the "Frontier" of Christendom and the Muslim world, Jerez is also world known for its wines... as we like to call it, Sherry.

Jerez is actually the capital of the Sherry business in Spain, and I was told that if Sherry doesn't come from here, it, legally, can not be called Sherry, and it forms part of a triangle of cities known as the Sherry Triangle. El Puerto de Santa Mariá and Sanlúcar de Barrameda make up the two other points.

Many probably remember their ICR tour to a Bodega, well, today's trip is kind of like, using a filmmakers term, it's kind of like a flashback – to a time before the grapes were wine.

At the end of every summer in Spain, in almost every region wine grapes are grown, Spaniards celebrate the year's harvest by having a local priest bless the grapes and, I presume, symbolically bless the rest of the harvest.

Like I said before, wine is big here in Jerez, and, not thinking clearly, I didn't anticipate this ceremony to BIG as well. Wrongo. Big time. Wrongo. After getting lost in the city, which, by the way,

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JEREZ, continued

is tremendously gorgeous, full of life and tradition and yet, strangely cosmopolitan at the same, I found my way to Iglesia San Miguel. This church had a towering, well, tower, and was very gothic in style and just plain interesting to look at. Of course though, it was the wrong church. I was looking for the cathedral.

“Perdon,” I asked politely to a man standing in the church’s door. “Dónde esta la catedral mayor?” He told me it was down the street, past the plaza. At this moment, I was surprised and a bit happy about how well I managed the intercultural dialogue and how I had maintained a fluent conversation with a real old Spanish man.

Boosted by this experience, I ventured down the street, to the main plaza and I





Photos by JOC Jon McMillan

saw another gothic tower looming over the skyline. Well, it wasn't looming really. Mostly peeking. But I headed that way. The large pedestrian streets were comfortable and clean to walk down and I spied many interesting cafés that I mentally marked as interesting.

At this moment I spied a large gathering of people. They were congregating around the church whose tower peeked, and I must say, winked, at me over the city skyline. I was on time and there. At the cathedral.

Of course, I was wrong. Again. I didn't care though because this was where the festivities were staged to begin. I immediately realized this event would be monumental. I deducted this by two reasons: one, whenever people in Spain have to march somewhere, with a band or donkey, it's probably a big deal. And two, there were a ton of people there and they lined the street all the way down to... something.

I stood around this church and took some photographs of girls in their Flamenco or Sevillana dresses. I listened to a youth band play drum music. I tried to pet a donkey but it just backed up, with two bushels of grapes on its sides, and stared me down... daring me.

I didn't take him up. Instead I followed the trail of people down the street to find... something. And, alas! The Cathedral.

And thousands of people. Live television cameras. Many police.

It was an amazing site to see that many people out on a hot Jerez day at 12:30. I was hot. It still

seemed a bit early for me.

But, the grapes can't wait. A priest blessed the baskets of grapes and men, in white shirts and black German-ish leider-hosen-type pants stomped on the blessed grapes and crushed them. After some time crushing and receiving and blessing more grapes, the blessed nectar of that fruit started to flow. It was flowing slowly. Almost dripping. But it started to flow into some Domecq wine barrels.

And it was over. The grapes blessed. Now that I was in this, what I found out was a beautiful city, I didn't want to leave and confront that "barrier." So I stayed a bit and walked the downtown, old part of town area. I went for a small tour of the recently renovated Alcázar and strolled down small and large streets in the area.

Amazing fun mindless wandering. If you like cities, interesting architecture, people, and just plain exploring, Jerez has a lot to offer. I only spent three hours in the city and I had seen three interesting churches, a massive traditional and cultural event and had some very fine coffee at that café I had mentally marked as interesting.

On my way back from Jerez I had to pass by that horrid façade of buildings that block any glimpse to the beauty inside the city. I thought only one thing: don't judge a book by its cover. Inside, the story of Jerez, and the images to see... whoa. Nice.

ROTA COASTLINE

8 DAYS

Coastline's listing of events and activities for the next eight days. Send your submissions to coastline@navsta.rota.navy.mil

a week

Friday

Lyrical autumn "Los Gavilanes" Villamarta Theater. October 1 and 2, 9 p.m. Tickets may be bought in person or by telephone using credit cards. Call 956-329507 between 11 a.m. -2 p.m. and 5:30-9 p.m. Teatro Villamarta, Plaza Romero Martinez.

Saturday

Liberty is going on a day trip to Arcos on Saturday, Oct. 1. Departure time is 9:30 a.m. and the cost is \$5. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

DGF Fighting Admirals

The Admirals next home game is Saturday against Brussels, beginning at 10 a.m.

Sunday

XXV Urban Cross "Dosa," Sunday in Rota. For more information,

call community relations at 2813. **XIII Milla Atletica** "Ciudad de Jerez," Sunday in Jerez. For more information, call community relations at 2813.

Monday

Fire prevention week kickoff. Don't miss the fire department static display, Sparky's house and other information on fire safety. Check it out at the Child Development Center from 9:30 a.m.-3p.m.

American Red Cross

The next monthly Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Monday from 10-11 a.m. in the DAPA Conference Room, located in bldg. 52. If you would like to become a volunteer, stop by the ARC office to complete an application. Also, the ARC is looking for a volunteer chairman for the Hospital. The role of a Hospital Chairman is to track volunteer hours and help new volunteers be-

come acquainted with the Hospital staff. Call 2333 for more information.

Attention new parents

Attend the prenatal breast feeding class. The class will be Monday in the family conference room from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

Tuesday

PTO meeting There will be a PTO meeting open to all parents and teachers of DGF elementary at 5:30 p.m. in the DGF multipurpose room. A guest speaker from the PTSA will highlight the advantages of their program. Call Paula Hiatt at 5020.

Wednesday

Darts Anyone? Champions is hosting a dart tournament Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. A \$5 entry fee is re-

quired. The winner receives a cash prize. Minimum of 4 players. Call 2433.

Rota Little Theatre

RLT is holding a general membership meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sea View Pines Amphitheater. They will be discussing the progress of their next show "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" as well as plans for the upcoming Christmas extravaganza. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting. Anyone interested in joining Rota Little Theatre is encouraged to attend. For more information please call Amy at 956-48-0511.

Ongoing

Dance classes

MWR offers private and group dance lessons in ballet, tap and jazz, pre-dance classes for 3-5 year olds, as well as parent-child dance classes. Call the dance instructor,

JulieAnn at ext. 4458 for more information, or stop by Expeditions or call ext. 2527 to register. Class sizes are limited.

Columbus Display

The MWR Library has a display of Christopher Columbus' life and expeditions. Learn the importance of El Puerto de Santa Maria in the discovery of America. For more information, call ext. 2418.

Bingo is back

Bingo starts at 7 p.m. every Thursday in Reflections. For details, call exts. 2851 or 2617.

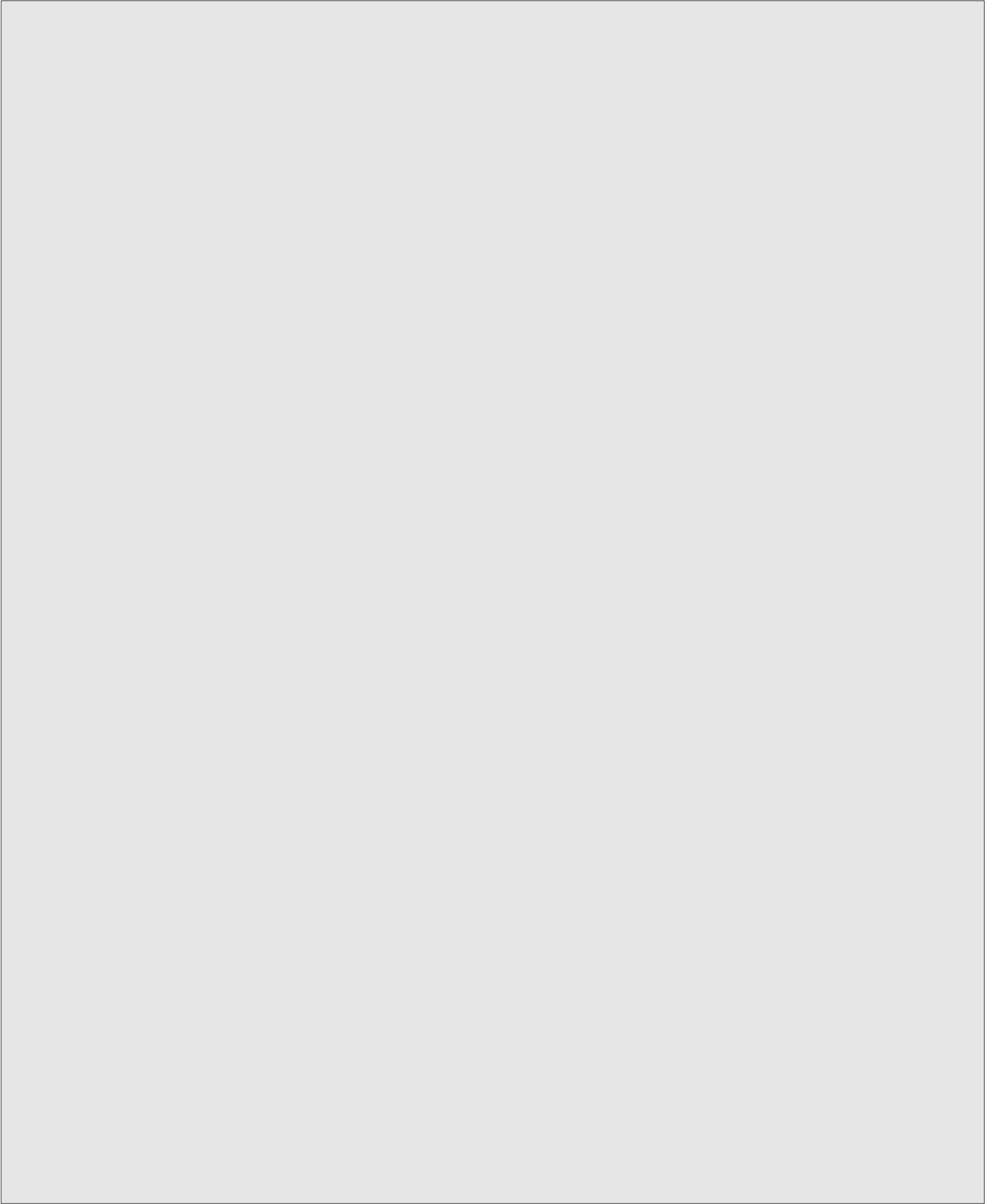
50 percent off

On Fridays at the Auto Hobby Shop, shop fees are half off. On Sunday, tire balancing is half off. Call ext. 2268.

Saturdays...

At Auto Used Parts, everything is 20% off. Call ext. 2268.

ROTA COASTLINE



RELIGION

CHAPLINE

with Chaplain Taylor

“Offer the gift of geniuses, not a poor imitation”

Quite a number of years ago an advertisement appeared on television featuring an animated character named “Charlie the Tuna.” Each brief episode would typically show Charlie talking with a small “flounder like” representative of the sponsor. Despite the size, he was apparently much smarter than the much larger fried Charlie. His repeated attempts at preventing old Charlie from making a spectacle of himself, were usually met with swift disregard. No amount of advice seemed sufficient to steer his pal from his determination to impress the sponsor with his many talents or, as Charlie would say, “good taste.” He entertained them by demonstrating his abilities in golf, tennis, billiards, soccer or some other unsuccessful athletic activity. Regrettably, the commercial typically ended with his smaller fish bearing the unwelcome tidings that the sponsor “didn’t want tuna with good taste”, but “tuna that taste god.”

Charlie’s predicament is not that dissimilar to the insecurity revealed in the behavior of a lot of people who spend their lives attempting to be something other than themselves. He, like so many people, was merely a captive to the false sense of security of impressing influential people, members of the opposite sex, family, and friends through costly pretentiousness.

It can sometimes seem very risky to simply be the originals we are, thus many people wrap themselves in the décor of misinterpreted “good taste.” This kind of phony behavior only causes observers to view such people as acting a bit “fishy”, which of course for Charlie would be a compliment.

I’d like to close with this thought from the late Judy Garland who said, “Always be a first rate version of yourself, instead of a second rate version of somebody else.”

MID-WEEK WORSHIP

The Chapel will offer a mid-week worship service beginning Wednesday. “The Protestant Communion Service offers weekly communion in a worship style familiar to Lutherans, Episcopalians and

Protestants from liturgical traditions,” says Chaplain Steve Beyer, a Lutheran and pastor of the congregation. “In addition to the communion service at 7:00 p.m., we will have a monthly potluck and Con-

firmation classes. The mid-week service also gives weekend travelers and duty personnel a chance to worship during the week. For more information about the Protestant Communion Service and/or Confirmation classes please call Chap Beyer at 2161 or by email, beyers@navsta.rota.navy.mil

American and Spanish parishes get together



More than 700 people turned out for the joint Spanish-American Catholic Parish Picnic Sunday at Liberty Park here. The parishes joined in a potluck luncheon, played games and more. Each year the American and Spanish parishes host each other for services and after-service activities.

Sunday nights are super at DGF

How do you make Sunday Night Super? Take a hundred children, two dozen adult volunteers and tennis shoes and you’ve got a Super Sunday Night! SSN is a program for children 4 years through 6th grade. From 6 to 7:50 p.m. the children gather at DGF School for 110 fun filled minutes of Christian education. Each evening is jammed packed with games, songs, scripture memory and more!

Every week the children receive incentives and earn awards. For example, they are awarded their Super Sunday Uniform after attending six Super Sunday sessions. As they memorize verses they win pins to mark their progress. And best of all, they earn Super Sunday Bucks. What are Super Sunday Bucks? They are the only form of currency accepted at the Super Sunday Store. Every month the store opens for business and the children shop for stuffed animals, yo-yos, and a whole lot more.

If you would like to learn more about Super Sunday Nights, call Chaplain Gore at 2161.

Navy Family Service Center

CREATIVE RESUME

Oct. 1, 9-11 a.m.
A good resume is of key importance in the job search process. Employers usually see your resume before they meet you, so learn to write a resume that stands out among the rest. This program is designed to help you prepare a resume that will impress your next employer.

AFTER SCHOOL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Navy Family Service Center is recruiting volunteers to tutor chil-

dren in grades 1 through 6 for the After School Scholars Program. The program is offered on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30. Children will be grouped together by either subject matter or grade level. If you are interested in becoming a tutor, please attend a meeting to be held on Tuesday, 5 October, at 1:00 in the Parent Connection room at the DGF Elementary School. For more information contact Kathy Arcement at 3232.

ACTIVE PARENTING

Beginning Oct. 7 and going weekly

through Nov. 18, 1:00-3:00
It's entertaining, it's effective, it covers today's issues for today's families. Families may differ, but their concerns are the same. This program contains six information packed video discussion sessions. Learn practical and effective ways to support your teen in today's increasingly complicated world. For more information and registration, please call the Navy Family Service Center at 3232.

SPONSOR TRAINING

Oct., 9:30-11 a.m.

NFSC Sponsor Training classes provide helpful information on planning a positive overseas transition. If you've been assigned sponsor duty, don't miss this class. Spouses are also encouraged to attend. Call 3232 to register.

As of 30 September 1999, the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Labor (DoL) will activate a new veterans and service-member Web site, <http://dod.jobsearch.org>. This Web site will feature want ads, resume writing, and referral systems geared to transitioning military personnel and their spouses, DoD federal civilian employees and their spouses, and the spouses of relocating active-

duty members.
All job seekers must enter resumes into DORS on or before Friday, October 15, 1999. After that date, service members will enter and update their resumes on the new DoL Web site. The Transition Bulletin Board (TBB) will continue to be hosted on the Operation Transition Web site. Resumes currently in DORS will remain in the system until Friday, December 31, 1999, at which time DORS will cease to function

DORS has been successful and popular; sending over 10 million resumes to employers since 1992. However, DoL has developed a variety of well-known and popular employment assistance programs, e.g., America's Job Bank and America's Talent Bank. Using the DoL model will enable job seekers to enter resumes on line for immediate referral to employers and will provide them access to an even greater number of employment opportunities.

Transitioning veterans are also invited to use the new Military Resume Writer, sponsored by the Department of Labor. Preparation of individual electronic resumes is available at <http://www.vet-atb.org>.

For more information, visit the Transition Assistance Office, located in the Navy Family Service Center.

LOCAL HIRE

Jobs

HRO
Lead Library Technician
GS-1411-06/07. Open until position is filled
Electronics Technician
GS-0856-09 Closes Oct. 7.
Public Health Educator
GS-1725-07/09. Closes Oct. 8.

Dining Room Cashier
Champions
Staff Writer
Publicity
Clerk typist
champions
Booth cashier
champions

Sales clerk, Auto Parts Store, \$5.84/hr.
Visual Merchandise Helper, \$5.84/hr., not to exceed four months.
For more information, contact the NEX Personnel Department at 3177.

communications and casework services to members of the military and their families. Applicant must be able to come to the Red Cross office at night or weekends to complete services Transportation need. Week on-call pay is \$129.80. Applicant will be trained on ARC policy and procedures. Applications available at the ARC. Deadline for applications is 4 p.m., Oct. 8. ARC is located in building 52.

MWR
The positions are flexible schedule and open until filled unless otherwise indicated.

NEX
Sales clerk, Videomart, \$5.84/hr.
Sales clerk, Main Store, \$5.84/hr.

American Red Cross
ARC is looking for an after-hour worker. They seek an individual to provide after-hours emergency

ROTA COASTLINE

AFN ON TV

Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show	The Oprah Winfrey Show	Rugrats	Wild America Specials (TV-PG)	Oprah Winfrey Sh(TV-14)	Oprah Winfrey Sh(TV-14)	Oprah Winfrey Sh(TV-14)
9:30	<:55> Port Charles (TV-14)	<:55> Port Charles (TV-14)	Goosebumps (TV-Y7)	Dangerous Encounters	<:55> Port Charles (TV-14)	<:55> Port Charles (TV-14)	<:55> Port Charles (TV-14)
10:00	<:20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	<:20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	California's Gold	Family Movie	<:20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	<:20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	<:20> Guiding Light (TV-14)
10:30	-	-	California's Gold	Mission Top Secret: Polish Pawn Puzzle (TV-Y7)	-	-	-
11:00	<:10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<:10> General Hospital (TV-14)	Hometime (TV-PG)		<:10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<:10> General Hospital (TV-14)	<:10> General Hospital (TV-14)
11:30	-	-	California's Gold		-	-	-
12:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
12:30	Wheel Of Fortune(TV-G)	Wheel Of Fortune(TV-G)	Navy/Marine Corps News	Army Newswatch	Wheel Of Fortune(TV-G)	Wheel Of Fortune (TV-G)	Wheel Of Fortune(TV-G)
13:00	Today Show	Today	Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)	MLB (FOX)	Today	Today	Today
13:30			Reunion	Teams TBD			
14:00			Melrose Place (TV-14)				
14:30			Fiddling on the Roof				
15:00	Animaniacs	Sylvester&Tweety Mysteries	20/20		Disney's Jungle Cubs	Space Goofs (TV-G)	Taz-Mania
15:30	Pokemon (TV-G)	Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures			Superman	Squigglevision	Gargoyles
16:00	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (TV-PG)	Xena: Warrior Princess	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	Xena: Warrior Princess (TV-PG)	Journey Of Allen Strange	Nick News	Men In Black (TV-Y7)
16:30	- Medea Culpa	- Performing Bards	-	Devi	All That (TV-Y)	Scholastic Sports America (TV-	Hang Time
17:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Soul Train	Computer Chronicles	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	Jeopardy! (TV-G)
17:30	Headline News	Headline News	-	Wall St Journal Report	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
18:00	Morning Business Report	Morning Business Report	NCAA Football (ESPN)	The NFL Today (CBS)	Morning Business Report	Morning Business Report	Morning Business Report
18:30	<:33> CNN/SI	<:33> CNN/SI	Teams TBD		<:33> CNN/SI	<:33> CNN/SI	<:33> CNN/SI
19:00	Dharma & Greg (TV-14)	The Simpsons (TV-PG)		NFL (CBS)	60 Minutes	7th Heaven (TV-G)	Sabrina, The Teenage Witch (TV-PG)
19:30	Jesse (TV-PG)	AFN Special		Teams TBD		Johnny Get Your Gun	Boy Meets World (TV-PG)
20:00	Just Shoot Me (TV-14)	SNL: 25th Anniversary Reunion (TV-14)			The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)	Primetime Movie	Party Of Five (TV-14)
20:30	<:35> Will & Grace (TV-14)				The King Of Queens (TV-PG)	Broken Arrow	Tender Age
21:00	NYPD Blue (TV-14)		Headline News		The Practice (TV-14)		Ally McBeal (TV-14)
21:30	- Show and Tell		NCAA Football (CBS)		Burden of Proof		Sex, Lies, and Politics
22:00	Headline News	Headline News	Teams TBD	NFL (CBS)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
22:30	<:35> Tonight Show w/Jay Leno	<:35> Tonight Show w/Jay Leno		Teams TBD	<:35> Tonight Show w/Jay Leno	<:35> Tonight Show w/Jay Leno	<:35> Tonight Show w/Jay Leno
23:00							
23:30	<:35> Late Show w/David Letterman	<:35> Late Show w/David Letterman			<:35> Late Show w/David Letterman	<:35> Late Show w/David Letterman	<:35> Late Show w/David Letterman
0:00							
0:30	<:35> Showbiz Today	<:35> Showbiz Today	ESPNews		<:35> Showbiz Today	<:35> Showbiz Today	<:35> Showbiz Today
1:00	Headline News	<:05> Movies Till Dawn	Saturday Night Live (TV-14)	Headline News	Monday Night Countdown	CNN/SI	CNN/SI
1:30	NCAA Football (ESPN)	Donato And Daughter	Gwyneth Paltrow/Barenaked Ladies (Reneat)	Pensacola: Wings Of Gold (TV-PG)			
2:00	Maryland at Georgia Tech			We Are Not Alone		MLB Division Series (NBC)	MLB Division Series (FOX)
2:30		<:50> Movies Till Dawn	Videolink	America's Black Forum		Teams TBD	Teams TBD
3:00	(with 30-min. pregame)	The Big Chill (TV-PG)	Movie Till Dawn	Austin City Limits	NFL Monday Night Football		
3:30			American Gigolo (TV-PG)	Dave Alvin/Loudon Wainwright	Bills at Dolphins		
4:00				Friday Night			
4:30				-			
5:00	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Meet the Press		Headline News	Headline News
5:30	World News Tonight	World News Tonight	Hour Of Power			World News Tonight	World News Tonight
6:00	CNN/SI	CNN/SI	Cafe Video	Headline News		CNN/SI	CNN/SI
6:30	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	W.Angelos Ch, God In Christ	CNN/SI	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News
7:00	Sesame Street	Mr. Rogers'Neighbrhd	Icons: Windows Onto Heaven	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
7:30	-	Arthur (TV-Y)	Day Of Discovery	-	-	-	-
8:00	Shining Time Station	Disney's 101 Dalmations	Bear In The Big Blue House (TV-Y)	Big Bag	Teletubbies (TV-Y)	Blues Clues	Teletubbies (TV-Y)
8:30	Kiana's Flex Appeal	Disney's Aladdin	Reading Rainbow	Kiana's Flex Appeal	Co-Ed Training	Bodyshaping	Co-Ed Training



ROTA COASTLINE

MOVIES

Motion Picture Association of America movie ratings: G – General Audiences, All ages admitted; PG – Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children; PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13; R – Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. MWR’s Movie Information Line extension is 2624. Remember all movies are free.

Drive In schedule:

Friday – The Thomas Crown Affair (R)
Saturday – The Iron Giant (PG)
Sunday – The Haunting (PG-13)
Drive-in movies begin around 9 p.m.

Gateway Auditorium:
Today

6 p.m. The Haunting (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. Universal Soldier II (R)

Friday

7 p.m. The Iron Giant (PG)
9:30 p.m. The Haunting (PG-13)

Saturday

3 p.m. Brokedown Palace (PG-13)
7 p.m. The Thomas Crown Affair

(R)
9:30 p.m. The Astronaut’s Wife (R)

Sunday

3 p.m. Bowfinger (PG-13)
6 p.m. Brokedown Palace (PG-13)
8:30 p.m. The Astronaut’s Wife (R)

Monday

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The Astronauts Wife (R)

Thriller; Johnny Depp, Charlize Theron (110 mins)
A spine-chilling thriller about a woman whose marriage to an astronaut mysteriously disintegrates after a freak accident in space. Astronaut Spencer Armacost is rushed back to Earth and revived after a routine mission goes awry, only to discover that something truly horrific took place while he was up in space.

Brokedown Palace (PG-13)

Drama; Claire Danes, Kate Beckinsale (101)
Immediately following their high school graduation, two girls embark on a much-anticipated trip to Thailand. Their vacation turns nightmarish after they are accused of drug trafficking, then sentenced to 33 years in a Thai prison.

The Haunting (PG-13)

Horror; Liam Neeson, Catherine-Zeta Jones (117 mins.)
The once stately mansion is plagued by ominous tales of death that have left it uninhabited. Professor Marrow has drawn three subjects into a mysterious psychological experiment. Before long, the ghosts of the past manifest themselves in terrifying visitations focused on the most vulnerable of the group, Nell.

The Iron Giant (PG)

Animation; Vocals of Jennifer Aniston, Harry Connick, Jr., Cloris Leachman (85 mins.)
A giant metal machine falls to Earth in 1958 and frightens the residents of a small town in Maine, until it befriends a nine-year-old boy named Hogarth.

Bowfinger (PG-13)

Comedy: Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy (97 mins)
Shameless wanna-be film producer, Bobby Bowfinger, is desperate to break into Hollywood-in spite of the fact that he is broke and unconnected. His plans are thwarted when he is unable to land Hollywood’s hottest action star Kit Ramsey. Undaunted, Bowfinger decides to make the film anyway.

Universal Soldier-The Return (R)

Action; Jean-Claude Van Damme, Michael Jai White, Heidi Schanz (83 mins.)
Luc Deveraux has survived his experiences as a Universal Soldier and is now working as a technical expert to improve the program. When the super computer controlling the Soldiers goes haywire, Luc is the only one who can battle this elite team of deadly warriors.

The Thomas Crown Affair (R)

Mystery; Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo, Denis Leary, Faye Dunaway (113 mins)
Follows the adventures of millionaire playboy who, seeking new challenges, steals a world-famous \$100 million painting and then strikes up a fiery romance with the brilliant female investigator who is onto his game.

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1987 Volkswagen Golf, 5 spd, a/c, sunroof, gray (new paint), mechanically sound, Euro specs, not just a Rota beater. Asking \$4,500. Call Jim at 956-87-7509 or jmharris@teleline.es.

1989 Volkswagen Van, includes towing package and permit. Spanish taxes paid, asking \$3,300. Call 956-81-6459.

1990 Bronco II, gold/tan, 100K miles, pw, pl, a/c, cruise control, 6 cyl, \$4,000 obo, must sell! Call Kevin Ulrich at 956-82-2089 or 616-539-056.

1990 Geo Prizm, outstanding condition, original owner, new paint job, tires and maintenance record, ps, automatic, a/c, runs like a charm. Blue Book price is \$4,200, asking \$4,100 obo. Call 956-82-2355.

1991 BMW K75-RT, Spanish taxes paid, great ride, side cases, new battery, starter, fluids. Asking \$4,300. Call 956-82-3541 days or 956-48-1403 evenings.

1991 Seat Ibiza, new tires, ITV Mar. '00, good condition, asking \$1,650 obo. Call 956-82-3933 or mtaylor@teleline.es.

1998 mini bike, 49 cc Suzuki Katana. Get it for \$2,000 obo. Call Ricardo at 956-87-0830.

For sale: 1988 Mercedes 280SE, Auto trans, current ITV, cent lock, leather, PW, PS, PB, TRF paid by seller. \$5,300. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale: 1989 Mercedes 190, AC,PS, PB, cent lock, current ITV, TRF paid by seller \$6,400. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615

For sale: 1990 Renault 21 TXE, AC,PS, PB, Alloy Rims, cent lock, current ITV, TRF paid by seller \$4,400. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

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For sale: 1991 Volvo 440 GL, PS, PB, PW, AC, cent lock, current ITV, TRF paid by seller. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale: 1992 Ford Explorer, US Spec, Spanish taxes paid, V6, 4.0, Auto trans, fully loaded, current ITV, TRF paid by seller. \$12,500. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale 1995 Seat Marbella, current ITV, TRF paid by seller, \$2,800. Contact Bob Blake 956-840615.

For sale: '90 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4.0, fully loaded, leather, stereo, A/C, Spanish taxes paid, I.T.V. good until July '00. \$6,500 O.B.O. Ask for Jimmy 956-480546 or 629-228593.

Household and Electronics

Queen size mattress and box spring, \$200 obo; small desk, great condition, \$80; high chair, \$8; large storage shed, \$75. Call 956-81-6459.

Personal Computer, keyboard, etc., \$350; Charcoal B-B-Q, \$25 obo; Black ball dress size 8/9, \$25; Glass top dining table and 4 chairs, exc. cond., \$45. Call 956-82-3933.

220 Volt Electric Radiator oil heater 1000/2000W, \$40. Call Tina at 956-85-7758.

Satellite Dish and Receiver, \$100, call Juana at 956-81-5529.

Butano Heaters w/bottles \$75-100; Many transformers, a penny per watt, call Tammie at 956-82-1716 or 956-48-2206.

Butano Heater w/bottle, new regulator and hose, \$70; Twin-sized wood frame futon, \$50; 6 x 9 beige colored carpet, practically brand new, \$70; 6 x 9 purple carpet, very good cond., \$40; 6 x 9 dark blue/multi-colored carpet, \$30. Call Patti at 956-81-5407.

Bassinet Style Convertible Stroller, \$100; Combination car seat swing, \$75; Spanish Bassinet including 2 sheets, \$100; wool dress pants, \$15 ea. Call Alan before 9 p.m. at 956-82-4256.

Satellite system, card ready, \$125 obo; children's swing set, \$65. Call 956-82-4276 or 956-82-3046.

Laptop, Fujitsu P233MHZ MMX, 96 MB SDRAM, 3.2 GB HDD, 56K modem, CD Rom, 3 1/2", Zip, battery, Win 98, leather carrying case, asking \$900. 956-87-7509 or jmharris@teleline.es.

Peg Prego front and back double stroller, exc. quality, exc. cond., paid \$350, asking \$150. Call 956-48-0554 after 6 p.m.

Complete Gas Log Set, 45,000 BTU, never used, asking \$35. Call 956-48-0554 after 6 p.m.

Evenflo Travel/Play Crib, \$50; Evenflo car seat, 20-40 lbs, \$30; Graco wind-up swing, \$30; Mickey's comforter/bumper pad and sheet, \$25; infant carrier seat \$15. Call Tina at 956-85-7758.

Motorolla cell phone, \$80 w/2 batteries, works great. Call Tammie at 956-82-1716 or 956-48-2206.

New Dehumidifier, from JC Penney, 110V, \$100. Call 956-82-4300.

Need extra kitchen space? Solid natural wood cabinet w/fold out leaves. New from NEX catalog. Paid \$299, will sacrifice for \$225. Call 956-82-4300.

220V Stand-up Fan, exc. cond., \$40; Butano heater, good cond., \$50; Movistar cell phone w/charger, \$50. Call Kevin Ulrich at 956-82-2089 or 616-529-056.

Dual Voltage Fan, 16", \$30; Two 16" 110V fans, \$30 for both. Call Patti at 956-81-5407.

Houses/Apartments

For rent apartments, Do You Have a couple of days off? Come to Torremolinos. View Web page for full details. Private parking and 24 hour security. 10 minutes walk to town center and beach. Ray 95-2051523—longton@mercuryin.es <http://estrellas.malaga-it.com>

House for rent: 2 bedrooms, livingroom, 1 bath, kitchen, garage and pool. 3,000 meters of garden. 5 minutes from base. 75.000 pts./mo. Ask at the reception desk in Hotel Playa de la Luz or call 956-810500.

Apartment for rent in Rota area, facing the ocean: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, furnished, American style

kitchen, community garden, underground parking, caretaker, access to the complex by intercom. 80.000 pts./mo. Negotiable. Contact Inma or Ernie at 956-812769, English spoken. Can be seen anytime.

Country home for rent: 5 minutes from base, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large livingroom, fully equipped kitchen, enclosed garage and phone. Large yard. 90.000 pts./mo. Call Joe at 956-812292 or 610-620401.

For Rent: Great location, across street from the beach. New apartment completely furnished. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, big livingroom, kitchen and balconies to the Avenue. Asking 75.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221

House for rent 5 minutes from base. Furnished/unfurnished, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, patio, private driveway, yard. 90.000 pts. Mo. Call 617-802-093.

Need a house? We'll find what you want. No fees, no language barrier. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-562313 or 610-753503. Call us anytime.

For rent top quality house, like new, 10 minutes from base in Puerto, La Belleza., Cute furnished kitchen, 3 bedrooms, closets, two baths, living-dinning room with fireplace, yard, porch, driveway parking. Automatic car gate. 90.000 pts./mo. Commission free. English

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spoken. Call Eloy at 956-540044 or 689-190243.

For Rent. Country house with 2 double bedrooms, kitchen, livingroom and 1 bath. Very big and nice yard. Completely furnished. On Chipiona Road only 6 minutes from Rota Gate. Owner asking for 100.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221

Cute large house in Vistahermosa for rent : 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, large living/dinning room, kitchen, storage room and garage, porch and 1,200 sq. Meters of yard. 225.000 pesetas mo. Call 956-850653 or 670-795032.

For Rent: Good size, ground level apartment in a very nice area of Rota, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, livingroom and terrace. Furnished or unfurnished. Asking 75.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221. We Rent Homes. No Rental Fee.

Large house in Vistahermosa for rent. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large living-dinning room, porch, large yard with driveway parking. 180.000 pts./mo. Call 956-850653 or 670-795032

Need a fully furnished/equipped two bedroom apartment on a monthly basis ? In Puerto area : Vistahermosa/El Ancla. Only 70.000 and 75.000 pts./mo. Commission free, English spoken. Call Eloy at 956-540044 or 689-190243.

For Rent: Single family home with two apartments completely furnished. Bottom apartment has 3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, livingroom and patio. Top apartment has: 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, livingroom and balconies facing the Avenue. Very close to

the beach. Asking 75.000/ 80.000. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846.221. We Rent Homes. No Rental Fee.

For Rent: Apartment of 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and a half, livingroom, semi-furnished and closed garage. In the center of the town. Asking 70.000 ptas. Call Century 21 Agin 2000 @ 956-846-221. We Rent Homes. No Rental Fee.

Great bargain ! Beach apartment in Fuentebravia with great view for rent. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living-dining room, equipped kitchen. 75.000 pts./mo. Call 956-850653 or 670-795032.

New attached house in Costa Ballena (new development between Rota & Chipiona) for sale. The house is located on the first line of the beach and surrounded by the golf course. Good orientation. 90 sq. meters on one floor, top quality materials, more than 40 sq. meters of yard, porch, fireplace and barbecue. Pre-installation for central air and city gas, fiber optics, underground garage and community pools. Call 956-306093 after 3 p.m. or leave message at 956-542997 (English).

Miscellaneous

Multi-action Rowing Machine, exc. cond., instructions included, \$45. Call 84-1429.

Little boys Feria outfit, comes w/everything including the hat, size approx. 5. Call 956-82-4495.

Women's red and beige Feria dress, size 8-10. Includes some accessories, asking \$50. 82-4495.

Cold weather camouflage parka, women's xsmall, \$50; hard to find xsmall/xshort cammies in good shape, size 5 combat boots, jungle boots & more, best offer. Call 956-

81-5407.

Dog Training at its best! American military retiree sells top-of-the-line, US-made, ultra-humane, TriTronics collars in Spain. For unwanted barking, The Bark Limiter - \$110. For obedience, The Companion - \$210. Complete instructions included. Call 95-568-5753 evenings after 1900 hours. Email: Collars@ESQuireTech.com

Preschoolers wanted : to participate in fun-filled learning experiences through my in-home preschool program. Morning and afternoon sessions are available for toilet trained toddlers through age 5. Certified teacher with years of experience in various areas of education. Call 4157 for more information.

Intensive Spanish Courses: All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-871926.

Beanie Land: Beanie babies, buddies, attic treasure bears, Britannia, New & retired ones. Tel. Ext. 3938 or 600-813354.

30 MINUTES OF FREE CALLS with Rapid Link. Sign-up by e-mail. No hidden charges, monthly fees. Normal Spain to USA rate, 27 cents. Info from pp10013@cybernet.it.

Volunteer needed at RAWL to feed, bathe, clean cages, and walk dogs. Call 4000 for more info.

Prayer to St. Jude: To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of. Most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that

particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (*here make your request*) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. *Amen , Jess L\pez*

Pets

Adopt a Pet at Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL). Various dogs and cats to choose from. Call 4000 or stop by (across from the drive-in).

For Sale, Miniature Schnauzer puppies with pedigree, shots, 55.000 pts. Born August 2. Also black Chow Chow puppies, all shots, 40.000 pts. Call 956-371885 or 610-050516

Wanted

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SPORTS

SPORTS TALK

with Russ Gambrel

The pain associated with missing the birth of a third or fourth child can't be any worse than what I went through a few weekends back. Although I was enjoying the Miami/Penn State game with some friends, I was only hours away from missing the most anticipated welterweight fight of the century. No amount of money was going to change that fact. If I'd had \$100 to plunk down on pay-per-view, it wouldn't have helped me see Felix Trinidad beat up on Oscar de la Hoya. The problem is that we have no access to pay-per-view around here. The powers that be have left us boxing fans out in the cold. Please guys, for the love of pete, can we throw some money Don King's way and get some frickin' pay-per-view? Let's roll...

I count myself among the millions of people who laughed his arse off last Saturday when Ben Crenshaw told us he had a "feeling" about winning the Ryder Cup. The crazy fool was actually insinuating that Team USA could come back and win dadblameit! (A feat demanding no less than the greatest comeback in Cup history). With the *Titanic* sinking around him, Captain Crenshaw was taking deposits for her next cruise. Trust me when I say that, among a group of people called the human race, laughter ensued. A

little less than 24 hours later, however, Captain Crenshaw was the one laughing. Yes, indeed, our little hero stood there laughing and celebrating as we, a nation of true believers, stood a television screen away shouting "We love you Ben! And we never doubted you!". Just one more example of how nothing spells "Jump on the wagon" like A-M-E-R-I-C-A. God bless Lady Liberty. God bless the way she occasionally has to smack down lesser and suckier countries (or in the case of the Ryder Cup, lesser and suckier clusters of countries). I think I need a hanky. Oh! Which reminds me : speaking of crocodile tears...

I was so busy crying in my wheaties over the retirement of John Elway that I never stopped to ponder the aftershocks. More specifically, I never even considered how much *better* the NFL could be without him. Now, I'm not trying to disparage the greatness of Elway here, I'm just making the point that a lot more fans can cheer this year cause there team actually has a shot. If you're not sure



that parity rocks, just ask all the folks In St. Louis and Indianapolis. Neither the Rams nor the Colts would have a prayer against the '98 Broncos. But against the '99 *Broncos* (and any other preseason Super Bowl favorite like Miami, Minnesota or Jacksonville), victory is not outside the realm of possibility. That's two more *cities-full* of people who no longer have to bet against the home team.

Finally, I have to respond to the growing controversy surrounding this column. Surprisingly, it has nothing to do with my distaste for women's basketball or my love of the Dallas Cowboys. This controversy started with low rumblings and has grown to a fever

pitch; large crowds of people are now screaming for my head. Yep, it's official...you guys hate the picture now attached to my column. For over a month now, I've been harassed and badgered everywhere I go. I can't even pick up a carton of milk without someone screaming across the room: "Hey Stone Cold!" or "How's it goin' Kojak?" or "Love your products Mr. Clean!"(a personal favorite). The unfortunate side of this for all you comedians out there is that you've strengthened my resolve. It is with extreme joy that I must now announce that the picture you see above is just too reviled to ever change. Thanks for helping me make up my mind.

SPORT SHORTS

Marina special

Throughout October, Scuba equipment is half price. MWR's Marina brings the outdoor life a little closer to you with great deals on camping equipment rentals. Call ext. 2497.

Family Night Bowling

Rota Lanes is the place to be on Monday & Tuesday nights from 5-8 p.m. Games cost only \$1 and the fun is free. Call ext. 2112 for all the bowling info.

Self-defense classes

MWR offers classes in the oriental martial arts. Jiu-jitsu classes are conducted from 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and at noon on Saturdays. The cost is \$25 per month. Aikido classes are scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Classes are in the Aerobics Center. Call ext. 2527 or stop by Expeditions to sign up or for more info.

SPORTS

Menwith Hill Mustangs spoil Admiral's home opener



The Admirals were looking for their first win of the 1999 campaign last Saturday during their season home opener. They didn't find it. Despite a superb performance by Senior Captain Al Washington and Junior Kurt Lee, Rota lost to Menwith Hill mustangs 25-18.

After spotting the Mustangs 25 points, the running duo of Al Washington and Kurt lee took over. Mr. Washington finished the game with 15 carries for 165 yards and two touchdowns and Kurt Lee added 110 yards on ten carries and one touchdown. This offensive two-punch performance coupled with some hard-hitting defense, lead by Al Washington, Joe Johnston, Adam Santiago and "Ball Hawk" Nick Council, came together too late in the game to overcome the Mustangs.

